

**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re the Application of

Masayasu SATO et al.

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For: EXHAUST-GAS PURIFYING APPARATUS



Group Art Unit: 1764

Examiner: T. DUONG

Docket No.: 117048

**LARGE ENTITY PETITION FOR 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> EXTENSION  
OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND  
TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to the outstanding Official Action in the above-identified patent application. The shortened statutory period having expired May 16, 2007, an extension of time for a period of three months is hereby requested. Attached hereto is our Check No. 195870 in the amount of \$570, a payment of \$450 for a two month extension of time being previously paid, in payment for:

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